

# Incidental Runoff

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## Background

- Recycled water used for irrigation
- Permits prohibit runoff
- Runoff difficult to prevent
- Ponds filled with recycled water may overflow in storm events
- Non-uniform enforcement of overflow by Regional Boards
  - De Minimus
  - Violation
- Can be considered wastewater spill

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## Examples/Case Histories

- Golf Courses Statewide (over 150)
- El Dorado Irrigation District
- City of Roseville
- Sonoma County Water Agency

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## Past Recommendations

- Designate recycled water as a resource rather than waste
- Separate classification for recycled water
- Emphasize inherent benefits of recycled water if not considered a waste
- Recognition of recycled water as a resource

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## Current Recommendation

- In regards to incidental runoff, treat recycled water the same as potable or storm water
  - Prepare Statewide Regulation/General Permit
  - Provide scientific evidence
  - Allow discharge under specific requirements
  - Legal review of Federal and California EPA and other regulations

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